

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 165
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study
graduated licensing and its impact on
Tennessee..

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds that graduated licensing is integral to the safety
of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the introduction of graduated licensing in Tennessee could potentially have
a profound impact on crashes on Tennessee roads; and

WHEREAS, graduated licensing could potentially reduce the number of fatalities in
automobile crashes; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of graduated licensing would increase driving
experience and developmental maturity in young drivers; and

WHEREAS, the issues raised by graduated licensing merit further examination and
study by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the issue of
graduated licensing and its impact on Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of five (5) members of
the House of Representatives and five (5) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the

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respective speakers; provided, that no fewer than two (2) of the members of the joint committee shall be chairs of the respective Transportation Committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Speakers jointly appoint three (3) concerned parents, one (1) residing in each of the major geographical divisions of Tennessee, one (1) member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, one (1) individual from the insurance industry, one (1) member of American Automobile Association, one (1) teacher of driver education, one (1) employee of the Department of Safety and one (1) sixteen (16) year old student, to bring diversity to this joint committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study committee shall be charged with the duty and authority to study the effects of graduated licensing in states in which it has been implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, no later than January 28, 1998, after which time the committee shall cease to exist.